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SEALING OF SHOPS
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether MCD/DDA have sealed several shops in the NCT of Delhi based on Supreme Court orders;

(b) whether Supreme Court has also passed an order to seal shops of small traders having `Ad-hoc` licenses from the MCD/DDA and having their business establishments on the ground floor on 20ft. or more wide roads;

(c) if not the reasons to sealing their shops; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government to stop harassment to small traders?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b)&(c): MCD has issued a circular to the effect that ad-hoc trade registration/storage licences granted by MCD in non-conforming/residential areas under various ad-hoc registration schemes/policies shall not be renewed in view of the various orders passed by the Supreme Court. Supreme Court in its judgement in IA No.1970 in IA No. 22 in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 4677 of 1985 in the matter of M.C. Mehta Versus Union of India has allowed small shops measuring not more than 20 sqm in residential areas trading in 22 categories/items.

(d): The Master Plan of Delhi 2021 permits small shops of maximum 20 sqm area trading in or dealing with 24 categories of items/activities in the ground floor in residential premises.